



Basic Rules and Procedures

The Arizona SCTP will participate in five shotgun shooting disciplines; American Trap, American Skeet, Sporting Clays, International Skeet, and International Trap in divisions determined by NSSF.

The Arizona SCTP will operate under the overlying guides and philosophies of the national governing body (NGB), the National Shooting Sports Foundation SCTP. For more information on National SCTP rules please see the SCTP Official Handbook at <http://www.nssf.org/sctp>.

GOVERNING BODIES

For each discipline, Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, International Skeet, and International trap rules of the NGBs will be followed.

Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) www.shootata.com.

National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) www.mynssa.com.

National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) www.mynsca.com.

United States of America Shooting (USAS) www.usashooting.com.

Everyone competing at the SCTP State and National Championships MUST be a member of the NGB for the discipline contested. You can find more information about this in the SCTP Official Handbook including target years for the disciplines as well as reduced prices for SCTP participants. <http://www.nssf.org/sctp/PDF/08Handbook.pdf>

DIVISION DETERMINATION

The divisions are determined not by age, but by academic grade level and years in the program.

Rookie Division (Grades 5 & Under) – Time in this division is NOT counted toward “time in” when determining Intermediate and Senior Division categories.

Intermediate Division (Grades 6-8)

Entry Level – 1st year of participation in the Intermediate Division

Advanced – 2nd or 3rd year of participation in the Intermediate Division

Senior Division (Grades 9-12 Only)

Junior Varsity – 1st year of participation in the Senior Division

Varsity – 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year of participation in the Senior Division

Team members registered in a specific SCTP Division MUST compete in that Division AND ONLY in that Division for the entire SCTP Target Year. The SCTP Target Year concludes with the SCTP National Championship for each of the disciplines.

Teams

All participants MUST be members of an officially recognized SCTP Team. A team is a minimum of one full squad in the SCTP Division the club wishes to participate in. A team must designate one gun club or shooting facility as its “home” gun club.

A team must conduct regular practices defined as a MINIMUM of 6 team practice sessions (each on a separate day) for the team members at the team’s home gun club with each team member

shooting a minimum of 25 targets at each practice session. Team members **MUST ATTEND 6 TEAM PRACTICE SESSIONS** in order to be eligible to shoot in a SCTP State or National Championship event.

Participants may choose to participate in 1 of the 2 closest clubs to their home address. Participants may not be a member of, nor compete for, more than one team during any one SCTP target year. Once a participant registers with a team, the decision is an irrevocable one.

SHOOTER ELIGIBILITY

All school age youths older than 9 years of age and in Grades 12 and under with the physical, mental and emotional maturity to participate in team sports are eligible to participate in the SCTP. Participants must be bona fide students enrolled in a primary, elementary, middle, junior or senior high school or enrolled in a home schooled program and deemed academically eligible. (See below for academic eligibility). SCTP program eligibility ends with graduation from high school, or once a student reaches his/her 20th birthday, whichever comes first. High school graduates with graduation dates in the fall or spring semester of the current SCTP Target Year are eligible to compete in their discipline's SCTP State and National Championships.

Academic Eligibility

All students who participate in the Arizona SCTP must achieve a 2.0 minimum grade point average with NO F's to be deemed academically eligible.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All participants in Arizona SCTP will be held to a shooter's code of conduct and may be removed from the program by their lead instructor or the state officials for failure to adhere to the code.

All shooters must always conduct themselves in a safe and professional manner while at a shooting range. This includes no horseplay, no foul or offensive language, no throwing of equipment including hats and shells, and absolutely no pointing of firearms of any kind at other individuals.

Shooters must respect coaches, teammates, and competitors and behave in a sportsmanlike manner.

Parents, Guardians, and other observers of competitive events are also held to the shooters code of conduct and are prohibited from delaying the progress of a shoot. Parents, Guardians and observers are encouraged to politely cheer for the participants but shouting and coaching the participants is prohibited. In the events of trap and skeet, observers are required to remain behind the shooting field at all times.

Any protests, complaints must first attempt to be settled with your local coaches, then brought to the attention of your Lead Instructor. If a resolution can not be reached your Lead Instructor may then contact the Shooting Sports Coordinator who will resolve the issue with the proper authorities.

INDIVIDUAL CLUBS

Clubs may impose separate rules and requirements on their own shooters as long as those rules and requirements do not conflict with the state or NGB rules or goals. These additional rules will be submitted to the state for documentation.

Clubs may hold practices as often as desired and at times deemed best by the individual club and their coaches. The structure of these practices is determined by the individual club as long as it does not interfere with the mission of the state or NGB rules. These practice dates will also be submitted to the state for documentation.

Due to facility constraints the lead instructor of a club may elect to limit the number of participants on their SCTP team. This limit must be approved by the state. In the case that a limit is necessary the club must keep record of all students turned away and create a waiting list. The club must also create a standard for participant removal from the SCTP team due to failure to regularly participate or based on disciplinary actions. Any club may remove any participant who does not meet the requirements set forth by the club or who does not adhere to the safety regulations or code of conduct set forth by the state at any time. At the time of a participant's removal from the team the club must contact the individual at the top of the waiting list and give them the opportunity to participate in the program.

STATE SUPPORT

Clubs will receive from the state supports in the form of;

Funds based on the number of shooter recruitment

Safety equipment including ear plugs, eye protection

Loner firearms and clay target machines if necessary.

Reloaded ammunition will not be permitted in Department firearms. Reloaded ammunition is permitted in personal firearms provided it conforms to NGB rules.

COSTS

Costs to individual participants will be determined by their SCTP club based on their funding requirements for the season.

SHOOTS

Fun Shoots

There will be three state-wide fun shoots that all shooters are eligible to participate in. A fee will be charged for these shoots.

Commissioner's Cups

There will be three state shoots, one for each discipline. A fee will be charged for these shoots. Only shooters who are academically eligible may participate in these shoots.

Any club may deny a shooter participation in events with just reason. This may include disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or other behavioral reasons.

International State Shoots

There will be two International shoots, one for each discipline. A fee will be charged for these shoots. Only shooters who are academically eligible may participate as an SCTP participant in these shoots.

COACHES

All coaches are required to go through a training program designed and administered by the state. For more information on this process or to volunteer please contact your club's lead instructor or the State Shooting Sports Coordinator.